

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

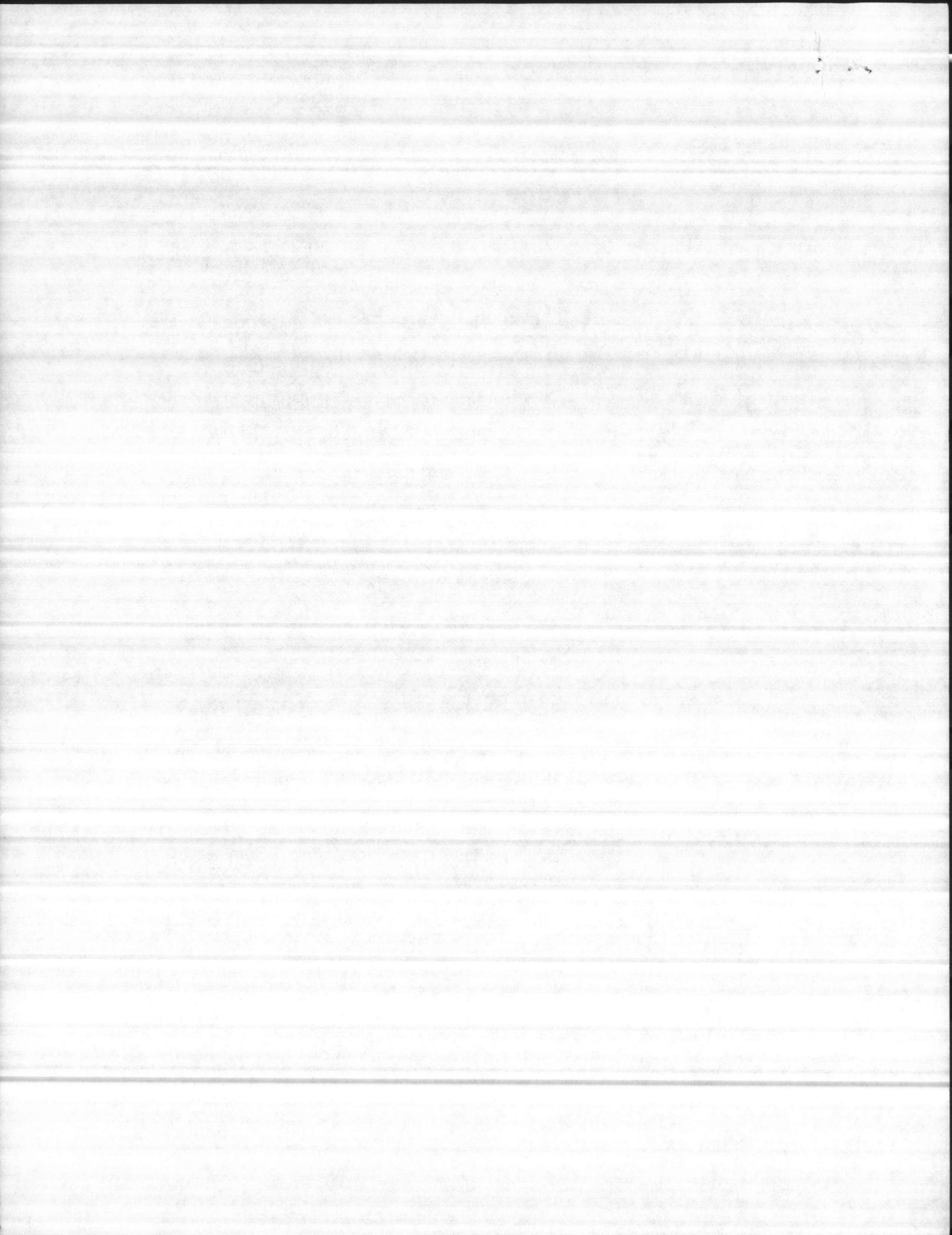
TRAINING AT CAMP LEJEUNE IS NOT WITHOUT ITS PROBLEMS -- SOME SIMPLY RESULT FROM THE INCREASED RANGE AND CAPABILITIES OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND VEHICLES; SOME ARE A RESULT OF ENCROACHMENT--SUCH AS FISHERMEN OR PLEASURE BOATERS MOVING INTO WELL MARKED IMPACT AREAS IN NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, INTER-COASTAL WATERWAY, AND NEW RIVER; BUT MOST ARE RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION AND RESTRICTIONS WE MUST ADHERE TO WHILE TRYING NOT TO DEGRADE THE TRAINING EFFORT. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE ON A BASE THIS SIZE THERE ARE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS INVOLVING SUCH THINGS AS FORESTRY, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT CONTROL BY WHICH WE HOPE TO PRESERVE AND PERHAPS IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL ASSETS OF THE BASE. UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT WE ARE REQUIRED TO INITIATE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR ANY PLANNED ACTION SUBJECT TO THE ACT -- THAT IS MAJOR MILITARY TRAINING EXERCISES; MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR WHICH PERMITS ARE REQUIRED; AND POLICIES, REGULATIONS, OR MANUALS WHICH COULD AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT.



37 BOAT ON  
WATERWAY

SIGN.

38 ENV PROTECTION



39 E.I.R.B.

40 WOODPECKER

41 ALLIGATOR

42 PELICAN

SEA

43 TURTLE

44 NEST AREA

45 BALANCE

THE REVIEW PROCESS HERE MOST FREQUENTLY ENTAILS A PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA) AND CONSIDERATION BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD. ALSO OF MAJOR CONCERN ARE SEVERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES RESIDENT AT CAMP LEJEUNE INCLUDING THE RED COCKADED WOODPECKER AND THE AMERICAN ALLIGATOR, AND SEVERAL WHICH TRANSIT THE AREA SUCH AS THE EASTERN BROWN PELICAN AND THE RIGHT WHALE. IN ADDITION NUMEROUS THREATENED SPECIES ARE FOUND IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY THE ATLANTIC LOGGERHEAD AND GREEN SEA TURTLES WHICH LAY THEIR EGGS ALONG ONSLOW BEACH. BASE EFFORTS AT PROTECTION ARE EXTENSIVE IN THESE AREAS AND DATE BACK AT LEAST TO 1968, WELL BEFORE PASSAGE OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION. IN FACT THE BASE HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN CITED BY LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL AGENCIES FOR ITS CONSERVATION EFFORTS. WE INTEND TO PROVIDE THE BEST TRAINING POSSIBLE ...TO ENSURE THAT OUR MARINES ARE WELL PREPARED TO ASSUME THEIR ROLE IN THE SECURITY OF OUR GREAT NATION WHILE PRESERVING THE PHYSICAL ASSETS EXISTING ON THE BASE, AND KEEPING FAITH WITH THE ENVIRONMENT.

